

I. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:

first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;

a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members;

a leaf spring which has opposing sides and is supported on a top of the chassis by a middle portion of the leaf spring with a majority of the leaf spring extending above the top of the chassis; and

a third shaft formed with the leaf spring as a unitary member,

wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the top of the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring, and

wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed to receive and hold at least a portion of the third shaft provided in the middle portion of the leaf spring, and the third shaft projects from the opposing sides of the leaf spring in the middle portion, ~~and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the third shaft.~~

2. (Original) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 1.

3-7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The suspension as claimed in claim 1, wherein the leaf spring is made

of metal or plastic.

9-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel;
a biasing member that has opposing sides and contacts a portion of each vertical shaft protruding from a top of the chassis and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to the top of the chassis with a majority of the biasing member extending above the top of the chassis; and
a horizontal shaft formed with the biasing member as a unitary member,
wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing member, and
wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed to receive and hold at least a portion of the horizontal shaft provided in a middle portion of the biasing member, and the horizontal shaft projects from the opposing sides of the biasing member in the middle portion, ~~and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the horizontal shaft.~~

17-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 16.

22-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 16, wherein the biasing member is made of metal or plastic.

27. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts,
each turning member receiving a wheel; and
a biasing member that has opposing sides and contacts a portion of each vertical shaft
protruding from a top of the chassis and exerts a downward force on each turning member and
the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to the top of the chassis with a
majority of the biasing member extending above the top of the chassis,
wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing
member,
wherein the biasing member includes a projecting portion, and
wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed at
which at least a portion of the projecting portion provided in a middle portion of the biasing
member is received and held, the biasing member and the projecting portion are formed as a
unitary member, and the projecting portion projects from the opposing sides of the biasing
member in the middle portion, ~~and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the projecting
portion.~~

28. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in
claim 27.

29-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 27, wherein the
biasing member is made of metal or plastic.

33. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels
connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning
members movably received by a chassis of the toy;
a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a
turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and
a leaf spring supported at a middle portion thereof on a top of the chassis with a majority
of the leaf spring extending above the top of the chassis;
wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the top of the chassis

and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,

wherein the leaf spring includes a projecting portion, and

wherein the top of the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed to receive and hold at least a portion of the projecting portion formed in and projecting from a middle portion of the leaf spring, and the leaf spring and the projecting portion are formed as a unitary member, ~~and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the projecting portion.~~

34. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 33.

35. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leaf spring is detachable.

36-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The suspension as claimed in claim 33, wherein the leaf spring is made of metal or plastic.

39. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;
a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and
a leaf spring which has opposing sides and is supported at a middle portion thereof by a top of the chassis with a majority of the leaf spring extending above the top of the chassis; and
a third shaft formed with the leaf spring as a unitary member,
wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the chassis and are in contact with the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring, and

wherein the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed to receive and hold at least a portion of the third shaft provided in the middle portion of the leaf spring, and the third shaft projects from the opposing sides of the leaf spring in the middle portion, ~~and the~~

~~recess is formed in a direction of length of the third shaft.~~

40. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 39.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
two spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel; and
a biasing member having opposing sides and having opposing edges, each of which edges contacts a protruding portion of each vertical shaft and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to a top of the chassis with a majority of the biasing member extending above the top of the chassis; and
a horizontal shaft formed with the biasing member as a unitary member,
wherein either wheel can move in a vertical direction while being biased by the biasing member, and
wherein the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed to receive and hold at least a portion of the horizontal shaft provided in a middle portion of the biasing member, and the horizontal shaft projects from the opposing sides of the biasing member in the middle portion, ~~and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the horizontal shaft.~~

43. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 42.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
first and second turning members which turn respectively first and second wheels connected thereto about respective first and second shafts of the first and second turning members movably received by a chassis of the toy;
a member which connects the first and second turning members and which forms a turning device with each of the first and second turning members; and
a leaf spring which has opposing sides and opposing edges and is supported at a

middle portion of the leaf spring by a top of the chassis with a majority of the leaf spring extending above the top of the chassis; and

a third shaft formed with the leaf spring as a unitary member,

wherein upper portions of the first and second shafts project from the chassis and are in contact with respective edges of the leaf spring to be subjected to a downward biasing force caused by elastically deforming the leaf spring,

wherein, when one wheel is moved up, one edge of the leaf spring is bent and, when both wheels are moved up, both edges of the leaf spring are bent, and

wherein the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed at which at least a portion of the third shaft provided in the middle portion of the leaf spring is received and held, and the third shaft projects from the opposing sides of the leaf spring in the middle portion, and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the third shaft.

46. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as claimed in claim 45.

47. (Canceled)

48 (Currently Amended) A suspension for a running toy, comprising:
two spaced turning members attached to a chassis of the toy via respective vertical shafts, each turning member receiving a wheel; and

a biasing member having opposing sides and having opposing edges, each of which edge contacts a protruding portion of each vertical shaft and exerts a downward force on each turning member and the respective wheel, said biasing member being connected to a top of the chassis with a majority of the biasing member extending above the top of the chassis; and

a horizontal shaft formed with a biasing member as a unitary member,

wherein, when one wheel is moved up, one edge of the biasing member is bent and, when both wheels are moved up, both edges of the biasing member are bent, and

wherein the chassis includes a flat upper portion in which a recess is formed at which at least a portion of the horizontal shaft provided in a middle portion of the biasing member is received and held, and the horizontal shaft projects from the opposing sides of the biasing member in the middle portion, and the recess is formed in a direction of length of the horizontal shaft.

49. (Previously Presented) A running toy comprising the suspension as recited in claim 48.

50. (Canceled)